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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON VIET-NAM RELIEF AND ADOPTION OF  
VIETNAMESE ORPHANS

FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT OF STATE MESSAGE REPEATED TO YOU FOR  
MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTION THROUGH YOUR CHANNELS:

BEGIN TEXT.

1. PRIVATE CITIZENS WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE (PREFERABLY CASH  
NOT COMMODITIES) FOR RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN VIET-NAM SHOULD  
MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN-  
ITARIAN ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS RED CROSS, UNICEF OR  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES; NATIONAL AGENCIES DOING RELIEF WORK  
IN VIET-NAM; OR AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. PARTIAL  
LIST OF U.S. VOLAGS FOLLOWS:

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE, 1011 FIRST AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

CARE, INC., 660 FIRST AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, 475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10027

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, 386 PARK AVENUE  
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SOUTH NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, 315 PARK AVENUE  
SOUTH NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10010

WORLD VISION RELIEF ORGANIZATION, 919 WEST HUNTINGTON  
DRIVE, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA 91016

2. WITH REGARD TO ADOPTIONS THE ORPHAN AIRLIFT HAS  
BEEN COMPLETED AND AT THE PRESENT TIME THE GOVERNMENT  
OF VIET NAM (GVN) HAS NO PLANS FOR ANOTHER MASS  
EMIGRATION OF CHILDREN. THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
HAS INFORMED EMBASSY HE PREPARED CONSIDER FURTHER  
ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE SEVEN LICENSED AGENCIES OPERATING  
IN VIET NAM. GVN NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL OR  
PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH ORPHANAGES, PRIVATE  
PARTIES, OR ATTORNEYS.

THE SEVEN AGENCIES LICENSED IN VIET NAM HAVE BEEN FLOODED  
WITH REQUESTS FROM AMCITS ALREADY. WHILE SOME OF THESE  
AGENCIES PLACE CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES  
THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE THROUGH AN AGENCY LICENSED IN THE  
COUNTRY OF THE PARENTS RESIDENCE AND WHICH HAS A CORRES-  
PONDENT RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE OF THE U.S. AGENCIES.  
FOREIGN NATIONALS SHOULD THEREFORE BE DIRECTED TO ADOPTION  
AGENCIES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. THE AGENCIES ABROAD  
WHICH MIGHT HANDLE PLACEMENTS OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN  
ARE TERRES D' HOMMES, INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, AND  
CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE FAR FEWER CHILDREN  
AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION THAN THERE ARE FAMILIES WAITING  
FOR CHILDREN. FURTHERMORE, AMEMBASSY SAIGON IS NOT IN  
A POSITION TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN GROUPS WISH-  
ING TO ADOPT CHILDREN. KISSINGER

END TEXT

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